

**City of Minneapolis**  
**Senior Citizen Advisory Committee**

August 11, 2011  
Minutes

Marci Holley-Bartlett opened the meeting at 1:03 pm in room 333 City Hall.  
Committee has quorum with 13 of its 22 members present.

**Present**

Lisa Abicht-Swensen, , Rita Deyo, Terry Diebold, Rosemarie "Sully" Gilbert, Jean Greener, Jeanne Hanson, Fay Harrison, Marci Holley Bartlett, Marilyn Holm, Thomas Leavey, Joanna Lees, Roland Minda, Ray Olson, Dorothy Robinson

**MDHFS Staff**

Ruth Kildow, Kim Stringfellow

**Guests**

Mayor Rybak  
Claudia Fuentes, Mayor's Office  
Betty Battle, MPHA

**Absent**

Allen Brookins-Brown, Dr. Lawrence Kerzner

**Excused Absence**

James Adams, Frank Broderick, Elana Gravitz, Georgia Marinkov-Omorean, Herb Nelson, Patrick Rowan

**Minutes and Agenda**

Motion to approve the July 14, 2011 minutes and August 11, 2011 agenda were both unanimously approved. Discussion included changing Marilyn Holm from excused to present on the minutes. With no further discussion and all approved, the motion carries.

**Mayor R.T. Rybak**

Mayor Rybak was present to talk with the committee and address topics of concern. Minneapolis is a city that is rapidly aging. Issues were raised about paving and plowing streets, and sidewalk repair (assessments). Call 311 if alleys are blocked with snow from plows. Southeast Seniors helped over 300 seniors last year with a budget of \$21K, and this year there is no CDBG funding available. Claudia Fuentes will contact Jeanne Hanson to discuss this further. Once the City's budget has been approved, this would be an opportunity for the City and County to do more planning, identify common ground. Other issues of concern include crime increase and public safety, tax increase, sidewalk repair costs, police security at MPHA. Members were urged to talk with their council members. Questions and concerns can be emailed to [R.T.Rybak@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:R.T.Rybak@minneapolismn.gov) or by phone at 612-673-2100.

**Old/New Business**

1. Roland Minda suggested inviting a speaker from the Minnesota Anthropological Society. Roland will research speaker topic information and report back to the committee in September and decide then.

**Committee Reports**

Health – Lisa Abicht-Swensen

- Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) funding has been included in the state's bi-annum budget.
- RARE (Reducing Avoidable Readmission Effectively) is a state-wide program that engages hospitals and healthcare providers, with a goal to: 1) avoid 4,000 hospital admissions; 16,000 are sleeping in their own bed each night; and 3) hospitals benefit from keeping people healthy, at home, and utilizing services through clinics. SCAC is in support of RARE Campaign. Lisa will inquire further to see if SCAC qualifies.

Legislative – Jean Greener

Jean Greener attended the National American Conference in July. The Older American Act provides funding to all states, and Minnesota has 13 Area Agencies on Aging. Services provided are needs assessment, nutrition and health assessments, and chore services. Jean Greener will bring a budget to share. There is less funding being provided, and number of seniors with needs is increasing. Beginning October 1, assisted living (if the building offers any type of service) or nursing home care, will require a needs assessment; identify low-income seniors and their needs. Assessment will be done with a county social worker if nursing home care is needed, private payer included. Hennepin County approves of

assess spend down, and may even look back five years. Members urged to talk with their state representatives.

Senior Ombudsman – Ruth Kildow

Ruth still receives a large amount of calls from 311.

**Announcements**

No announcements.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

**Next Meeting**

September 8, 2011, 1:00-2:30 pm, 333 City Hall

Minutes submitted by Kim Stringfellow.